

Learning for Life

ADULT LEARNING IN LOCHABER

November 2018

Family Baking Class – Caol Nursery

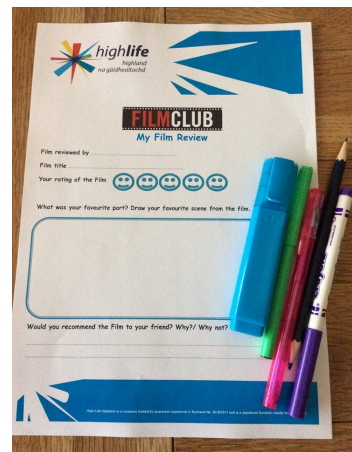


Since May 2018 we have been delivering a Family Baking Class in Caol Nursery that supports parents involvement in their child's learning and attracts parents and children not yet engaged with the formal education system as well as families from a range of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. These classes support parents and children in organising time together and incorporate various family learning activities designed to improve health & wellbeing outcomes and numeracy and literacy skills.

The programme in Caol Nursery is delivered in 1 session per week (11am – approx. 12.30pm) by a sessional tutor, with a member of HLH Adult Learning Lochaber team present. In addition to the sessional trainer, parent volunteers with an interest in the subject area are invited to join the sessions and to give support as and when required.

Family Film Club – Caol Primary School

A couple of months ago we set up an after school Family Film Club for P4-P7 children and their carers in Caol Primary School. Watching films together can act as a gateway to literacy, help feel more confident in social settings, and create great bonding experience for the families. Moreover, the families who have no or limited access to media have a chance to sit and relax with their child and watch a movie they cannot afford to buy on DVD or watch in a cinema.



The school kindly offered the use of their classroom and equipment, HLH sponsored free popcorn and drinks and a free of charge membership of IntoFilm meant a wide selection of movies were available for us to screen.

Book Week Scotland

For this year's Book Week Scotland 2018 (19-25 November), we will be organising a Creative Writing Workshop on Friday 23rd November led by Sharon Wilkie-Jones, the founder of SHAREArgyll, Students' Homelessness Awareness Raising Enterprise. Sharon will walk the aspiring writers through the whole process, from formulating ideas to coming up with that all-important opening line #scottishbookweek



Weekly sessions – Book n' Blether, Scrabble & Dominoes, Family Board Games, Conversation Corner

Run both in Fort William and Kinlochleven these sessions are a fantastic opportunity to meet and make new friends, play games, explore a new hobby, and talk about shared experiences and issues in a chilled atmosphere.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops... all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together.

To celebrate the day we hosted a live poetry event, a Bun, a Book and a Blether for our local community where people simply shared the poems that mean most to them, and discovered new ones too

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Clean Out Your Fridge Party

On Friday the 16th November, in connection with the European Week for Waste Reduction, we held a zero-waste party for those who are interested in food waste reduction and helping their community make the most of their food. Everybody brought whatever food they had left in their fridges or pantries and Liz Macmaster, a qualified chef helped us cook delicious meals out of the products and ingredients provided by the participants. The party was huge success, we had 12 adults and 7 children attending it, out of which 7 adults and 5 children were ESOL learners – Latvian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and Polish.



Karen – 'I have never tasted Polish "kasza" before – it was absolutely delicious. What an eye-opening experience!'

Zuzia – 'What a lovely night! Great food and lots of nice, friendly people'

Christine – 'Fantastic, well done! I learned a lot and will now throw out less food'

Ilona – 'I will tell my friends to come with me next time you organise an event like this, it was very good, I liked the food and learned to cook risotto'.



New Adult Learning Coordinator



The new Adult Learning Coordinator for Lochaber, Jane Ivetic, started in June 2018.

Jane lives in the Fort William area and previously worked as a personal adviser within the employability team of The Highland Council and prior to that in education and nursing. Jane has a holistic approach to her work and a strong desire to help individuals achieve their goals and aspirations.

Jane has over 10 years' experience of supporting individuals with literacy/numeracy issues as well as numerous individuals with English as a second language and like ourselves has experienced a lot of change within the challenging agenda and allocation of resources and continued to achieve notable successes.

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